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SUMMARY: AT APRIL 3 MEETING, DPC NOTED MILITARY COMMITTEE (MC) REPORT (REF C) WHICH ENDORSED PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING OF THE FRG ARMED FORCES. SYG LUNS SAID THIS CONSTITUTED FINAL STEP IN CONSULTATION PROCESS REGARDING FRG REORGANIZATION PLAN, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT CALLED FOR CONTINUED FRG SUBMISSION OF STATUS REPORTS AS FRG IMPLEMENTS REGORGANIZATION. END SUMMARY.

1. SYG LUNS INTRODUCED APRIL 3 DPC CONSIDERATION OF BUNDESWEHR

REORGANIZATION BY HIGHLIGHTING MC ASSESSMENTS THAT PLAN WOULD NOT DIMINISH OVERALL CAPACITY OF FRG FORCES COMMITTED TO NATO AND MAY, IF FULLY IMPLEMENTED, RESULT IN "OVERALL IMPROVEMENT." LUNS ENUMERATED SEVERAL YET UNRESOLVED AREAS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE FRG (SELECTION CRITERIA FOR PERSONNEL IN STANDBY READINESS POSITIONS, PLANNED NUMBER AND UNIT ESTABLISHMENTS OF COMBAT AIR SQUADRONS, POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN AIRLIFT CAPACITY, AND IMPLICATIONS OF 30,000 STANDBY READINESS PERSONNEL FOR MBFR), BUT SAID DPC APPROVAL OF THE MC REPORT WOULD CONSTITUTE FINAL PHASE OF FORMAL FRG-NATO CONSULTATIONS ON THE REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL.

2. ADMIRAL MINTER (MC REP) ENDORSED SYG'S COMMENTS AND REPEATED MC ASSESSMENT THAT FULLY IMPLEMENTED PLAN MAY IMPROVE FRG CONTRIBUTION TO NATO. RUMSFELD (US) SUPPORTED DPC ACCEPTANCE OF THE MC REPORT CONCLUSIONS, WELCOMED THE PROBABILITY FOR IMPROVED FRG FORCE POSTURE AND INCREASED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, AND RECOMMENDED CONTINUED FRG-NATO CONSULTATION ON UNRESOLVED AREAS SPECIFIED IN LUNS' INTRODUCTION. MENZIES (CANADA) CITED EARLIER HOPE THAT SUBSTITUTION OF 30,000 FRG STANDBY READINESS PERSONNEL FOR ACTIVE DUTY FORCES MIGHT BE CONSIDERED A REDUCTION DURING FUTURE MBFR DISCUSSIONS AND ASKED WHETHER FRG WAS CONSIDERING THIS POSSIBILITY. BOSS (FRG) SAID LEGISLATION AFFIXING STATUS OF STANDBY FORCES WAS STILL IN PREPARATION, BUT THAT STANDBY FORCES WOULD BE IN DIFFERENT CATEGORY FROM CURRENT FRG REGULAR RESERVES. MENZIES SAID THIS SEEMED TO IMPLY THAT FRG CONSIDERED STANDBY FORCES IN ACTIVE DUTY CATEGORY DESPITE POSSIBLE UNFAVORABLE MBFR IMPLICATIONS. KRAPF RESPONDED THAT "FIRST CONSIDERATION" OF FRG WAS TO DETERMINE DOMESTIC LEGAL STATUS OF STANDBY FORCES AND THEN WORRY ABOUT MBFR PROBLEM.

3. IN NOTING DPC ENDORSEMENT OF THE BUNDESWEHR REORGANIZATION, LUNS PRAISED THE FRG COOPERATION DURING FORMAL CONSULTATIONS AND ASKED THAT FRG SUBMIT INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY REGARDING THE SEVERAL UNRESOLVED AREAS, AS IT IMPLEMENTS THE PLAN. KRAPF AGREED TO DO SO.

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